(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) In anticipation of the formal launch of the "Apparel Park for Exports" scheme, certain State Governments had forwarded project proposals for setting up of Apparel Parks in their respective States. Project Proposals had also been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up Apparel Parks at Visakhapatnam and Kuppam. The Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme has since come into operation *w.e.f.* 23.2.2002 and all such Project Proposals, including from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, would be considered by the Project Approvals Committee as per the guidelines of the Scheme.

Financial Assistance to NTC for Maintenance and Operation of Textile Mills

†5240. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided financial help for the maintenance and operation of textile mills of National Textile Corporation from the various sources for the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of financial help given to the textile mills by the Government during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, year-wise; and

(c) the percentage of textile mills of National Textile Corporation where the production was going on during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) During the last three years, the Government has provided financial assistance only towards shortfall in wages & salaries and implementation of VRS in the form of loan as given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Shortfall in Wages/ Salaries	VRS
1999-2000	436.79	57.25
2000-2001	432.00	62.00
2001-2002	385.00	20.99*

Provided as grant

(c) Out of 119 mills, 76 are partially or fully operational which is about 64% of the total NTC mills.

Import of Cotton, Cotton Cloth and Readymade Garments

5241. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton, cotton cloth and readymade garments are imported in the country;

(b) if so, the value of the above mentioned items imported in the country during the year 2000-01 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the names of the countries from which this import was made together with the value of items imported from each country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Details of import of cotton and cotton textiles are as under:—

(Value in Lakh Rupees)

Item	2000-01	2001-02 (upto December, 2001)
1	2	3
Raw cotton (incl. Waste)	[1]18472.65	168623.37
Cotton Yarn (Incl. Sewing thread)	3297.81	2403.37